

THE CONVERTING, SAVING, POWER OF THE GOSPEL

*"...THE PREACHING OF THE CROSS IS TO THEM THAT PERISH FOOLISHNESS;
BUT UNTO US WHICH ARE SAVED IT IS THE POWER OF GOD" (1 COR 1:19)*

The true believer always feels the power of the Word and can always be convicted by it. Belief in a sense is once and for ever, but in another sense it is not. There is something essentially wrong with a man who calls himself a Christian and who can listen to a truly evangelistic sermon without coming under conviction again, without feeling something of his own unworthiness, and rejoicing when he hears the Gospel remedy being presented...

...If a man can listen to such a sermon without being touched or moved I take leave to query whether he is a Christian at all. It is inconceivable to me that a man who is a true believer can listen to a presentation of the exceeding sinfulness of sin and the glory of the Gospel, without being moved in two ways. One is to feel for a while, in view of what he knows about the plague of his own heart, that perhaps he is not a Christian at all; and, then, to rejoice in the glorious Gospel remedy which gives him deliverance.

Many...a time have I been told, at the close of such a service, something like this. A man, or a woman, would come in to see me and say, 'You know, if I had not been converted before I would certainly have been converted tonight.' I always like to hear that. That means that they have felt the power of the Gospel again, they have seen the whole thing again, and they have, as it were, almost gone through the experience of conversion again. What I am asserting is that there must of necessity be something wrong, radically wrong, with one who claims to be a Christian who does not come under the power of this glorious Gospel every time it is presented, and in whatever form.

[PASTOR] **MARTYN LLOYD-JONES**

YEA AND AMEN!

*"WHO HATH SAVED US, AND CALLED US WITH AN HOLY CALLING, NOT
ACCORDING TO OUR WORKS, BUT ACCORDING TO HIS OWN PURPOSE AND
GRACE, WHICH WAS GIVEN US IN CHRIST JESUS BEFORE THE WORLD BEGAN"*

[2 TIMOTHY 1:9-12] READ JOHN 10:25-30

Must not Paul, nay, must not every man, taught as Paul was, and through grace brought into the same views, and confirmed in the same Truths; declare, that he knows whom he hath believed? Can there be anything like a yea and nay Gospel, in these solemn assurances of Jehovah? [2 COR 1:20]. And can an assurance that He, who hath saved, and called from the first, without works, will cause his grace to be doubtful as to the end? Will any man dare to reprove, for comforting God's elect with such assurances; and call it unscriptural, and highly dangerous, to teach them, what God hath in His holy scriptures taught them, that they shall never perish, whom He hath so saved, and so called? Oh! the preciousness of those sweet scriptures!

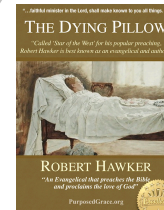
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in their trouble, and HE saved
them out of their distresses"

(PSALM 107:13)



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'WATCHFUL AND BOLD'

*"THE WICKED FLEE WHEN NO MAN PURSUETH:
BUT THE RIGHTEOUS ARE BOLD AS A LION"*

(PROVERBS 28:1)

Watchful and bold, is the Christian's motto. Watchful, to avoid sin; bold, to resist the enemies of his soul. For he is engaged in a righteous cause, animated by righteous hopes, made righteous by a righteous Lord; from whom he derives all his strength and courage. *"In the LORD (Jehovah the Lord Jesus Christ) have I righteousness and strength"* (ISAIAH 45:24). This is the glorying of his soul. Not his own inherent strength, nor his own personal righteousness, are the cause of his fortitude; but the arm of Jehovah is his shield, and the perfect righteousness of JESUS is his breast-plate of defence against every enemy. Being cleansed from guilt by the blood of JESUS, and clothed with His righteousness, by faith the soul experiences a holy boldness at a throne of grace—appeals against the fury of the enemy and oppressor—and finds supplies of strength in every time of need. This is the life of faith. So believers grow strong (not in conceit of what they are in themselves, but) "strong in the grace which is in Christ Jesus—strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might" [1 TIMOTHY 1:14, EPHESIANS 6:10].

Thus righteousness inspires with *courage* and *boldness*. Such is the comfort of faithful souls. All the glory is due to JESUS, from whom the Spirit of love, power, and of a sound mind, is given unto His righteous children. The action

of Joseph of Arimathaea, is recorded with an emphasis upon his courage: He *"...went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus"* (MARK 15:43). Here was boldness in the midst of danger—an act of faith, in the face of foes—a token of love, without fear or shame of the greatest enemies to Jesus. But *"he was waiting for the kingdom of God."* The boldness of Peter and John astonished the Jewish sanhedrim, who *"...took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus"* (ACTS 4:13). Have we been with JESUS, in the faith of our souls? Are we waiting for the coming of His kingdom? Shall we then be afraid of the worms of the earth? ashamed of our Master, His cross, or His ways? Forbid it, Lord! inspire our souls with boldness, that with David we may triumph: *"The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this will I be confident"* (PSALM 27:1,3).

Is JESUS my almighty King? Doth He forbid my fear?

What foes shall put my soul to flight? His righteousness I wear.

*This makes me bold before His throne, Yea bold my foes to face;
I flee to Christ—Lord, make me stand, By thine almighty grace.*

[PASTOR] **WILLIAM MASON**

HAS GOD SHOWN YOU MERCY?

*"...IT IS NOT OF HIM THAT WILLETH, NOR OF HIM THAT RUNNETH,
BUT OF GOD THAT SHEWETH MERCY"*

(ROMANS 9:16)

Salvation *"...is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy."* So reader, has God shown you mercy? If you can confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that Jesus Christ is the Son of God; He most certainly has [ACTS 8:26-40]. AMEN!

My friend, salvation is not found in believing doctrines, rather it is found, through God's undeserved grace, by believing on His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps someone schooled in religion might ask you questions, like 'Do you believe in Total Depravity? Do you believe in Unconditional Election, or Limited Atonement, Irresistible Grace, or Perseverance of the Saints?' Believing doctrines won't save you, rather you must believe Christ to be saved, and if you believe Him, you will believe His doctrine. Indeed, *"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son"* (2 JOHN 1:9). You see, the only doctrine, the only teaching, the only teacher that should matter to you, is Christ. And if you find yourself believing on the Son of God; He is your Lord and God and you will obey His gospel command: to confess Him in the waters of baptism and to remember Him at the Lord's table.

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